

# FEMA Awards Kent Hospital Over \$5.1 Million for COVID Staffing Costs

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**BOSTON** – The Federal Emergency Management Agency will be sending more than \$5.1 million to the State of Rhode Island to reimburse Kent Hospital for the cost of contracting for additional staff during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The \$5,146,926 Public Assistance grant will reimburse the community teaching hospital in Warwick affiliated with Care New England for contracting for additional staff to handle increased patient loads associated with COVID-19 between October 2020 and June 2022.

“FEMA is pleased to be able to assist Kent Hospital with these costs,” said FEMA Region 1 Regional Administrator Lori Ehrlich. “Providing resources for our partners on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic fight is critical to their success, and to our success as a nation.”

FEMA’s Public Assistance program is an essential source of funding for states and communities recovering from a federally declared disaster or emergency.

This grant brings the total awarded by FEMA to the State of Rhode Island to almost \$799 million to reimburse the state for pandemic-related expenses.

